

REMARKS

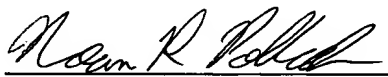
The specification has been amended to claim priority of international application PCT/FI99/00458, filed May 27 1999 and Finnish Patent Application FI 981286, filed June 5, 1998 in conformance with the application's new status as an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a result of the DECISION of the Office of Patent Cooperation Treaty Legal Administration, enclosed herewith. A certified copy of Finnish Patent Application FI 981286 is also being submitted herewith. No new matter has been added.

Since priority was previously submitted within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the information concerning the benefit claim was recognized by the Patent Office as shown by its inclusion in the filing receipt, a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the related fee are believed to be unnecessary pursuant to MPEP 201.11.

In the event that any other fees are required for the entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is specifically authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0518 in the name of Steinberg & Raskin, P.C.

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